Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Why is it that we hear lots of complaints in the election of Panchayats and so many other complaints?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

In what case?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

In the election of Panchayats in Varandarappalli and Parappukkara there was much delay.

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

The question is rather a complicated one.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

There had been no such delay before these two departments were amalgamated.

President.—The delay cannot be explained.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

59. Is it not detrimental to the efficient management of all the three departments, if the work is entrusted to a single man?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

Government do not consider that the efficiency in management of any of the departments referred to will be impaired.

The Municipal AyurvedicDispensary at Tattamangalam.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

60. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has issued orders to close the Municipal Ayurvedic Dispensary at Tattamangalam? If so, why?

(b) Has the Government received any petition from the citizens of Tattamangalam requesting the Government to continue the maintenance of this Dispensary?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report of the working of the said Dispensary for 1100 and the Government order thereon?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

(a) Yes The order is conditional and it gives the reason. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(b) Yes

(c) Yes. A copy each of the report and the order passed thereon is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

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Dr. A. G. MENON.

I had sent in certain questions about the Ayurvedic Dispensary. I do not know whether they have been admitted, and if so, whether they will be properly answered in this meeting.

President.—What are those questions?

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I had sent in one more question. I don't know whether it has been admitted. There would be no objection. No reply has been given to that question. Then I shall resume my right to ask supplementary questions when the answer for this question is given to this House.

President.—It is not possible to answer all the questions. It is open to the President under Rule 9 to extend the period of time for answering a question.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

There is a belief that questions are held back. Certain questions are taken up while others are not taken up.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

I am sorry for the remark.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

I am simply explaining the belief that exists in the minds of members. Yesterday, only some resolutions were taken up, and I believe others were not brought up properly.

President.—Probably, the Government were not able to get the necessary materials for the answer. Yes, I will consider the matter.

Excise Revenue.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

61. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the yearly Excise Revenue from 1915;

(b) the total annual consumption of drink and drugs in the State during the period;

(c) the total number of liquor shops in each year in the State from 1914 to 1915 and of which how many are foreign liquor, toddy and arrack shops; and

(d) the number of trees tapped every year in the State for fermented and sweet toddy from 1914—1915?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

The information asked for is given in the two statements appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

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